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Title : Speech Input System, Speech Portal Server, and Speech
Input Terminal

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2004 regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Claims 1, 6, 11, 12 and 13 have been provisionally rejected on obviousness-type double patenting grounds as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/192,317 in view of Uppaluru (U.S. Patent No. 5,915,001), while Claims 2 and 4 have been provisionally rejected on grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over the same references, and further in view of Walker et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,434,529). Finally, Claim 3 has been provisionally rejected on grounds of obviousness-type double patenting, based on Claim 1 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/192,317 in view of Cherveney et al

(U.S. Patent No. 6,401,068). However, for the reasons set forth hereinafter, Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection.

Applicants note that U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/192,317 is a continuation of the present application, and was filed with only Claims 7-10, Claims 1-6 and 11-13 having been cancelled. Accordingly, there is no Claim 1 in U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/192,317. Moreover, to the extent that the Examiner may have intended to refer to Claim 7 of that application as the basis for the present rejection, Applicants note that Claim 7 has also been cancelled by the amendment filed April 23, 2004 therein. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1-6 and 11-13 herein on obviousness-type double patenting grounds, based on Claim 1 of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/192,317 cannot be maintained, and no terminal disclaimer has therefore been submitted.

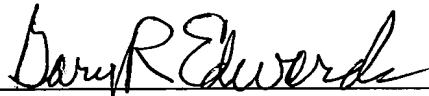
In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants note that Claim 7 of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/192,317 has been substantially revised and submitted in a further continuation application filed April 14, 2004, which has been assigned Serial No. 10/823,552.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general,

a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/50948).

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